

CITY OF MERKEL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERKEL, TEXAS

This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, (Vernon's Texas Code Annotated, Government Code, Chapter 551)

The City Council of the City of Merkel, Texas will hold a Called City Council Meeting at 6:00 PM, February 17, 2026, at Heritage Hall, which is located at 111 Taylor Street, Merkel, Texas 79536, at which time the following items will be considered:

OPEN MEETING

1. **Call meeting to order** and announce a quorum is present.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and TEXAS PLEDGE.**
3. **Citizens Comments and Receipt of Petitions** (At this time, anyone may speak on any matter other than personnel matters or matters under litigation for a length of time not to exceed three (3) minutes. **(No Council/Board discussion or action can take place on any matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with the law).**

Consent Agenda

All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion or presentation of these items unless otherwise requested by a Council Member. In the event one or more Council Members remove an item from the consent Agenda for separate discussion or presentation, the item or items removed will be considered in numerical order as part of the Regular Agenda and shall include a public hearing.

After the Council Members have requested any item on the consent Agenda be considered separately, the public comment period will be held. The public comment section of the consent agenda allows members of the public to present any ideas or information to the City Council and staff and also allows for public comment on the consent agenda items not otherwise pulled for separate consideration. Neither the City Council nor staff will engage in discussion with the public during the public comments unless the item is listed on the Council agenda.

4. **Minutes:** Discuss/Consider approval of the minutes of January 27, 2026, Regular City Council meeting and February 5, 2026, Called Board of Adjustments meeting .
5. **Acceptance** of Staff Reports.
6. **Submittal:** In accordance with Texas Occupations Code § 1701.164 and the Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 2B.0051 – 2B.0059, Merkel Police Department 2025 Racial Profile Report submission from Phillip Conklin, Chief of Police.

Regular Agenda

7. **Presentation of Annual Financial Report (Audit)** for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025, by Cathrine Wilks, CPA.
8. **Consider** approval of Annual Financial Report (Audit) for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025.
9. **Discuss/Consider** Specific Use Permit for CEP Transport.
10. **Consider** Joint Election agreement and contract for election services.

11. **Discuss/Consider** Appointment for City Council Place 4.
12. **Review** 1st Quarter FY 2025-2026 Budget numbers.
13. **Public Hearing** Regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure Situated on the Following Property: Original Town Merkel, Block 11, Lot 1-2, Acres 0.32, commonly known as 209 Runnels.
14. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** Regarding Determination that the Structure on 209 Runnels is or is not Substandard pursuant to City Ordinance No. 04-21-2025.
15. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** to Enter an Order requiring that the structure on 209 Runnels be vacated, secured, repaired, removed, or demolished within a certain time frame.
16. **Public Hearing** Regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure Situated on the Following Property: Original Town Merkel, Block 5, Lot W 86' of Lot 12, Acres 0.10, commonly known as 312 Runnels.
17. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** Regarding Determination that the Structure on 312 Runnels is or is not Substandard pursuant to City Ordinance No. 04-21-2025.
18. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** to Enter an Order requiring that the structure on 312 Runnels be vacated, secured, repaired, removed, or demolished within a certain time frame.
19. **Public Hearing** Regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure Situated on the Following Property: Original Town Merkel, Block 5, Lot 11, Acres 0.16, commonly known as 308 Runnels.
20. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** Regarding Determination that the Structure on 308 Runnels is or is not Substandard pursuant to City Ordinance No. 04-21-2025.
21. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** to Enter an Order requiring that the structure on 308 Runnels be vacated, secured, repaired, removed, or demolished within a certain time frame.
22. **Public Hearing** Regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure Situated on the Following Property: West of Merkel, Block D, Lot 4-10 Less N 5' of 4, Acres 1.11, commonly known as 306 Haynes.
23. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** Regarding Determination that the Structure on 306 Haynes is or is not Substandard pursuant to City Ordinance No. 04-21-2025.
24. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** to Enter an Order requiring that the structure on 306 Haynes be vacated, secured, repaired, removed, or demolished within a certain time frame.
25. **Public Hearing** Regarding the Potentially Substandard Structure Situated on the Following Property: Original Town Merkel, Block 4, Lot 1-2-3, Acres 0.48, commonly known as 311 Edwards.
26. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** Regarding Determination that the Structure on 311 Edwards is or is not Substandard pursuant to City Ordinance No. 04-21-2025.

27. **Consider and Take Appropriate Action** to Enter an Order requiring that the structure on 311 Edwards be vacated, secured, repaired, removed, or demolished within a certain time frame.

ADJOURNMENT

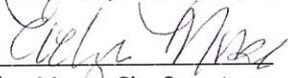
All items on the agenda are for discussion and possible action.

The Merkel City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time concerning any matters listed above, whenever it is considered necessary by the Council and is legally justified under the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Subchapter D), as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development).

The City of Merkel is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodation and equal access to communications will be provided to those who provide notice to the City Secretary, 325-928-4911, at least 48 hours in advance.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the City Posting Board at City Hall, 100 Kent Street, Merkel, Texas, on the 11th day of February 2026.



Evelyn Morse, City Secretary